

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 CAIRO 04496 221527Z

44

ACTION NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-14 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 OMB-01 SCCT-02 DRC-01 /109 W

----- 125073

R 221304Z JUN 74

FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7362

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

HUESTI/AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI 1638

C O N F I D E O T I A L CAIRO 4496

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF

SUBJECT: IRAQI AND LIBYAN ACTIVITY IN FEDIYEEN MOVEMENT

SUMMARY: WELL INFORMED EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST TOLD
EMBOFF AT BAGHDAD, NOT TRIPOLN IS MAKING SERIOUS
TROUBLE FOR PALESTINIAN MODERATES LED BY ARAFAT,
BUT THAT VISIT OF BAATH FOUNDER AFLAQ TO IRAQ
PROVIDES STRAW OF HOPE THAT IRAQIS CAN BE BROUGHT
TO LISTEN TO REASON. END SUMMARY

1. IN JUNE 22 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF ON DEGREE OF
IRIFAT'S CONTROL OF PLO, AHRAH ED-IN-CHIEF AHMAD
BAH AL-DIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT LIBYANS HAVE DEFINITELY
INFORMED ARAFAT THEY DO NOT OPPOSE PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA. QADDHAFI, HE ADDED, IS A
"STRANGE MAN", AND MAY WELL BELIEVE GENEVA MONFERENCE
WILL NEVER BE CONVENED. IN ANY CASE, GOL IS NOT
AT PRESENT ENGAGED IN SERIOUS DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 CAIRO 04496 221527Z

WITHIN FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT. CHIEF DISRUPTIVE ELEMENT

IS BAGHDAD.

2. BAHAM SAID MICHEL AFLAQ'S CURRENT VISIT TO BAGHDAD MAY HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON SADDAM HUSAIN. ALTHOUGH A HARD LINER ON PALESTINE, AFLAQ'S RULING PASSION REMAINS ARAB UNITY. THOUGH DEVOID OF ANY POWER EXCEPT MORAL POSITION AS BAATHI FATHER FIGURE, HE WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT HAVE AGREED AT LAST TO MAKE TRIP UNLESS CONVINCED HE HAS CHANCE TO DRAW IRAQI BATHIS INTO MORE CONSTRUCTIVE, COOPERATIVE FRAME OF MIND WITHIN ARAB CONTEXT.

3. AN OLD FRIEND OF BOTH SADDAM AND AFLAQ, BAHAM STRESSED THAT SADDAM'S TYPICALLY IRAQI COMPLEX THAT GOES IS DELIBERATELY CUT OUT OF SUCH ARAB PLANNING AS THERE MAY BE CONTAINS CONSIDERABLE TRUTH AS FAR AS GOES NEGLECT IS CONCERNED. FOR EXAMPLE, SAYYID MARI'S MISSION OF EXPLANATION TO ARAB COUNTRIES AFTER OCTOBER WAR INCLUDED DOHA, BUT NOT BAGHDAD, AND WHEN IRAQI DELEGATION ARRIVED IN CAIRO FOR BRIEFING, SADAT REFUSED TO RECEIVE IT. BAHAM SAID HE HAS ASKED SADAT TO MAKE EFFORT WITH BAGHDAD, NOT ONLY TO PROMOTE ARAB SOLIDARITY, BUT TO GET HANDLE ON IRAQI OIL WEALTH. SADAT, HOWEVER, HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION OF READINESS TO TAKE CONCILIATORY INITIATIVE.

4. COMMENT: BAHAM IS EXPERT ON IRAQ AND MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH PALESTINIAN LEADERS. HE WAS VERY SURE THAT TRIPOLI IS NOT MAKING TROUBLE FOR IRAFAT, ADDING QADDAFI IS STILL FOCUSING ON MAKING TROUBLE FOR EGYPT.
EILTS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, PEACE TALKS, MEETING DELEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CollinP0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974CAIRO04496
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740164-0983
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740622/aaaaasjv.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CollinP0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 JUN 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <20 FEB 2003 by CollinP0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IRAQI AND LIBYAN ACTIVITY IN FEDIYEEN MOVEMENT SUMMARY: WELL INFORMED EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST TOLD
TAGS: PFOR, XF, LY, IZ, PLO, (ARAFAT, YASSER), (AL-DIN, AHMAD BAH), (AFLAQ, MICHAEL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005